

CLAIMS

1. A support structure for a muffler with a particulate filter stored inside, the muffler being divided, at positions in front of and behind the stored filter, into portions, said divided portions being fastened together through flanges thereof for easy detachment and attachment, comprising brackets for suspension and support of the muffler from and by a vehicle body, said brackets fitted by fastening said brackets together upon fastening of the flanges.
2. The support structure for the muffler according to claim 1, wherein each of the brackets has a lower end formed with an overlap portion for overlapping with corresponding ones of the flanges only at portions thereof adjacent to their tops, said bracket being fitted by fastening the overlap portion together with the flanges at a position adjacent to the tops of the flanges.
3. The support structure for the muffler according to claim 1, wherein the particulate filter carries oxidation catalyst.
4. The support structure for the muffler according to

claim 2, wherein the particulate filter carries oxidation catalyst.

5. The support structure for the muffler according to claim 1, wherein the particulate filter carries NO_x absorption reduction catalyst.

6. The support structure for the muffler according to claim 2, wherein the particulate filter carries NO_x absorption reduction catalyst.